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Dr. Joshua Lederberg President The Rockefeller University

Dear Josh:

This is a brief introduction to the meeting which will take place in your office on Wednesday, January 30, at 4 p.m. with you, Dr. Marianne J. Legato of Roosevelt Hospital and Associate Professor of clinical Medicine at Columbia University, and Mr. William C. Stubing, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Medical Education of the New York Academy of Medicine. I will attend also.

This concerns an all-day conference and evening dinner on October 10, 1980. The conference is under the auspices of the New York Academy of Medicine and will take place there; the dinner will be for 200 guests at the Cosmopolitan Club in New York City.

The general theme of the conference will revolve around the current manpower crisis in academic medicine, wi.e., the fact that only about 2 per cent of the physicians currently graduated from the nation's medical schools elect to go into teaching and research on a full time basis. This trend has been apparent for the past five years and not much is being done about it.

Dr. Legato, a graduate of NYU Medical School and a cardiologist, is chairman of the committee organizing the meeting. Other members of the committee include Paul Cranefield; Dr. Theodore Cooper of Cornell; Dr. Jose M. Ferrer, Jr., Associate Dean of Postgraduate Education at Columbia P&S; Dr. William F. Mitty, Surgeon at St. Claire's Hospital; Mr. Stubing; Dr. Samuel O. Thier, Chairman of Internal Medicine at Yale and Chief of Medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital; and Dr. Brian F. Hoffman, Chairman of the Columbia University Department of Pharmacology. I am serving as their public relations consultant.

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The dinner speaker on the program is Lew Thomas.

The program speakers during the day will be: Dr. Hoffman; Dr. James Wyngaarden, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Duke University; Dr. David E. Rogers, President of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Dr. Robert T. Petersdorf, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine; Dr. Francis D. Moore, Elliott Carr Cotter Professor of Surgery at Harvard; Dr. Paul A. Marks, Vice President for Health Sciences and Director of Cancer Research at P&S; Dr. Donald Frederickson, Director of NIH; and Mr. Alfred Stern, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mount Sinai Medical Center.

As you can see, this is a distinguished group.

Cordially,

Eugene H. Kone